

DISTRACTED STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

LETTER

FROM

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON,

TRANSMITTING

*Resolves of the common council of the city of Boston in relation to the
distracted state of the country.*

FEBRUARY 18, 1861.—Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
Boston, February 15, 1861.

SIR: In conformity with the request of the city council of the city of Boston, I have the honor of transmitting herewith the accompanying resolves.

I will thank you to comply with the desires of the city council, by presenting these resolves to the House of Representatives of the United States, over which you preside.

With sentiments of respect, I am your obedient servant,
JOSEPH M. WIGHTMAN, *Mayor.*

Hon. WM. PENNINGTON,
*Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.*

CITY OF BOSTON, IN COMMON COUNCIL,
February 7, 1861.

Resolved, That the city council of Boston, as the representatives of the citizens, in view of the present distracted state of the country, desire to express their inalienable devotion to the Union and the Constitution.

Resolved, That they respectfully and earnestly memorialize the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, that such measures of a pacific and conciliatory character may be immediately

adopted as will effectually check the spirit of disunion, and tend to consolidate the fraternal bonds of our national brotherhood; and in the propositions offered in that behalf by the Hon. John J. Crittenden, we recognize a satisfactory basis of adjustment.

Resolved, That his honor the mayor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit, in behalf of the city council, a copy of these resolves to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, with the request that they would lay them before the bodies over which they respectively preside.

Passed. Sent up for concurrence.

J. H. BRADLEY, *President*.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, *February 11, 1861.*

Concurred.

SILAS PEIRCE, *Chairman*.

FEBRUARY 13, 1861.

Approved.

J. M. WIGHTMAN, *Mayor*.

A true copy. Attest:

SAMUEL F. McCLEARY,
City Clerk.